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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/FR2004/002951

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PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: November 21, 2003

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known):

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)), including: a title page; 8 page specification; 2 page(s) of claims (claims 1-6); 1 page abstract.
5. ☒ Drawings  
☒ Figure(s) 1-4 on 2 sheet(s).
6. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))  
☐ is transmitted herewith (\_\_\_\_ pages).  
☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.  
☒ A copy of Form PCT/IB/308 (2 pages) is enclosed.  
☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

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7. ☒ A copy of the International Publication, Publication No. WO 2005/051072.
8. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3))  
☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  
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☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  
☐ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
10. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.  
☐ A copy of the Demand for International Preliminary Examination is enclosed.
11. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)):  
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☐ a combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed (\_\_\_\_ pages).  
☒ is not enclosed. Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED be sent to the undersigned representative of Applicant.
12. ☒ Applicant hereby claims priority to:  
☒ International Application No.: PCT/FR2004/002951.  
☒ French application No.: 0313673.  
☒ A copy of Form PCT/IB/304 (1 page) indicating receipt of the priority document by the International Bureau is enclosed.
13. ☐ A translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).
14. ☒ The entire disclosure of the International Application referred to above is considered to be part of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
15. ☐ Assignment Papers.  
☐ An assignment document is enclosed for recording (\_\_\_\_ pages).  
☐ Form PTO-1595 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (\_\_\_\_ page).
16. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment (5 pages).
17. ☒ A substitute specification for title page, pages 1-8 and abstract (10 pages).
18. ☒ A strikethrough version of title page, specification and abstract (10 pages).
19. ☐ Power of Attorney  
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20. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including:  
☐ Form PTO-1449  
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22. ☒ Small Entity Status  
☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.  
☒ Small entity status is proper and is requested.
23. ☒ Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report.
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25. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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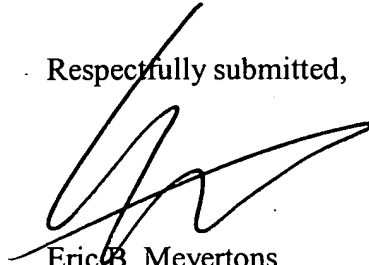
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